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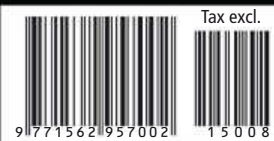
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Our winter break is over and we're back for another year of the entertainment you've come to expect from SA's top selling powerboat magazine. We hope our 'month-off' didn't drive you crazy, not having your regular monthly fix of boating - but rest assured we put our time to good use, coming up with thrilling ideas for all-new, fresh content that make us your favourite read! On that note, I would like to introduce our newest crew member, Stuart Reichardt, who will be writing for every edition. Stuart has some original ideas for articles which are sure to be so exciting, you may want to go out and buy a second boat! And, should you find that is the case, then we've got just the place for you to look (besides this magazine, of course!). It's that time of year and boat shows across the country have already started to showcase some of the best of the best in the industry. The Johannesburg Boat Show at NASREC (see page 54) kicks off on August 14th while the Cape Town International Boat Show at the CTICC will be taking place in a couple of months on October 9th. Boating season is going to be here quicker than you can say 'did we put the bungs in before we launched?', so get down to a show, score on some hot deals and be ready because it's going to be a hot summer! And with that thought in mind, take the opportunity to book your boat in for a service, have your trailer bearings checked and repair the wakeboard binding which broke last year..

In this edition, we get the results on the Wakeboarding Nationals from a little earlier this year, and Travis Fisher shows us how to 'keep an eye on the prize' in his monthly Waterski Bulletin, exclusive to us. We've also got the top tips and advice on how to buy the right fishing boat for you, as well as look at what went down (or is that, 'what came up?') from the recent Tuna Nationals competition in Cape Town, where Leandra Wiid took honours with a new South African record.

We've got plenty more up ahead to keep you entertained for the month, so sit back, relax, and let us show you all you need to know about your favourite pastime.

- Happy boating!

- Dean



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The Lotus Grill is a smokeless charcoal braai that is ready to use within five minutes. It is quite at home at the beach, on a boat, at a picnic or even camping and offers perfect BBQ cooking without all the mess and fuss. It is available in six exciting colours and is supplied with a durable carrier bag. The Lotus Grill is easy to use and simple to clean. The boat-friendly Lotus Grill is a must have for everyone's accessory arsenal.

Why we like it? It's compact and very easy to set up and use on a boat. We love the variety of funky colours.

Price: R2 850

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ALL THE ANGLES

The PMT Edge 140° high definition mirror offers all boats, whether they are ski, wake or fishing boats a safer boating experience by allowing the skipper 360° control when on the water. The PMT Edge high definition mirror provides a field of view with the clarity every boater needs. It's cutting-edge mirror technology ... that's clear.

Why we like it? The skipper is afforded greatly improved control and it eliminates the need to have a spotter on the boat.

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STAY AFLOAT

The Lalizas 100N range of life jackets are offered in a variety of different sizes for people weighing from 15 kg right up to 90 kg. This range of PFD's (personal flotation devices) provides unrivalled face-up flotation. Its foam core, adjustable strapping and the robust materials used in its design, make the Lalizas range of life jackets a leader in the industry.

Why we like it? It is well priced and the design makes it very comfortable to wear. It's simple: it saves lives!

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SEA RAY

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SPX

Words by **Stuart Reichardt**

Consummate style, lavish luxury and peak performance were all destined to meet.

Images courtesy of **Boating International**



Sea Ray recently introduced the nimble and stylish 21 SPX to their range. This sleek performer is a champion in terms of space and comfort, and the aesthetically appealing design and layout make it an all-round winner.

PEAK PERFORMANCE

At 21'6" long, with a standard 250 HP MerCruiser 4.5L MPI Alpha One sterndrive, the 21 SPX is designed for incredible ease of use and allows for the natural flow of conversation, thanks to an expanded cockpit design and noticeably deep freeboard. Sea Ray's new five-year bow-to-stern warranty and class-leading limited lifetime hull warranty offers additional peace of mind to owners. The beauty of the SPX series is not only the cutting-edge design, impeccable craftsmanship and premium performance, but also its accessible price point, making it a highly affordable purchase.

LAVISH LAYOUT

The 21 SPX features a large, full-beam swim platform and an aft sun pad for those wanting to soak up the rays. Storage space is abundant and is located right where you need it, while boarding from the water is very easy thanks to a stainless-steel four-step swim ladder. Exterior colour options include arctic white, sports grey, red



and a variety of other combinations with great graphics. The 21 SPX boasts eye-catching style to match its premium performance attributes.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Opportunities to personalize the SPX extend well beyond aesthetics as the 21 SPX offers three optional packages that make it simple to outfit the boat according to usage style and customer preference. The Comfort Package carries Sea Ray's most popular upgrades, including a flip-up bolster helm seat for easy driving and snap-in carpet in the cockpit. For water sports enthusiasts, the Elevation Package will quench any thrill-seeker's thirst with a wakeboard rack and SeaDek swim platform matting for easy boarding. The 21 SPX simplifies the boating experience in all the right ways, without sacrificing anything in terms of performance or style and it's an exciting addition to the Sea Ray line-up, expanding the possibilities for boaters well into 2015 and beyond.

PERFECT BALANCE

Sea Ray uses cutting-edge robotic equipment for its engine placement to ensure that placement is done within four-thousands of an inch to promote the best possible ride. Sea Ray's state-of-the-art ISO certified processes means that the 21 SPX will be comfortable, stable and smooth on the water.

SPECTACULARLY SPACIOUS

The 21 SPX features a spacious cockpit with a dedicated transom walk-thru and a convertible port lounge opens up for more fun-filled conversation and socialising. The extra wide bow on this new addition to the Sea Ray range provides more space for the inclusion of additional friends and family. There is much dedicated storage throughout the boat and the ergonomics are indicative of the style that is synonymous with the most successful boat brand in the industry.





When it comes to cruising, the Sea Ray 21 SPX does it in style. With the added waketower and comfy lounge area, this is the package watersport lovers will want to take note of.







Take your best friends for a day they'll remember. Cruise the waterways, hit some sets on the wakes, or party the day away while at anchor - you'll be glad there's as much space as there is onboard as this Sea Ray will be the main attraction on the water this summer.



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

The Sea Ray 21 SPX offers a variety of optional extras and upgrades such as the Perfect Pass control system which allows the pilot to set towing speeds for specific individuals.

There are a variety of accessory package options available for the Sea Ray 21 SPX. These accessory packages are:

The Allsport Package that offers a battery charger, casting chairs, rod storage and a trolling motor. The Canvas Enclosure Package offers a Bimini top, aft, front and side curtains, a cockpit cover, tonneau cover and a canvas storage bag.

The Comfort Package offers a battery on/off switch, a depth finder, a flip-up thigh rise bolster helm seat and a snap-in carpet for the cockpit.

The Elevation Package offers a dash visor, swim platform matting, a ski mirror, a black Bimini watersports tower and tower racks.

The Select Package offers the Sahara and Cognac interior, a helm upgrade with Isotta wood steering wheel, instrumentation upgrade, upholstery upgrade, SeaDek flooring on the swim platform, the LED lighting package and the stainless steel package.

All in all, the Sea Ray 21 SPX can be completely accessorised to suit the desires of the purchaser. Other accessory options for the 21 SPX include stainless steel component upgrades, speed control, premier stereo system upgrades, fire suppression systems as well as chart-plotters and fish finders.

BACK IN TIME

Sea Ray was founded in 1959 and has grown into the world's largest manufacturer of superior quality pleasure boats. Sea Ray is headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee and operates as part of the Boat Group division of Brunswick Corporation. With more than 40 models ranging from 19 to 65 feet, Sea Ray makes a boat to suit every lifestyle – each built with a unique commitment to quality, craftsmanship and excellence.

THE VERDICT

The Sea Ray 21 SPX offers a sophisticated yet exhilarating ride and its pricing puts it well within reach of boating enthusiasts.

Additional information and pricing on the full Sea Ray range South Africa is available from Boating International.

Contact Dean Levy on 083 267 5358 or email dean@boatinginternational.co.za 

MONTE CARLO 5S





Bénéteau's Monte Carlo 5S is probably the perfect balance between boating luxury and the sheer beauty of boat building. Offering an open layout to allow plenty of ambient light, while emphasising al fresco living, this motor yacht is through and through a thoroughly modern Mediterranean cruiser.

The Editor, Dean Castle, travels to Spain for the exclusive, world's first look at Bénéteau's floating work of art.

Words by **Dean Castle**

Pictures courtesy of **Bénéteau boats**



The Bénéteau Monte Carlo (MC) 5S is ideal for day boating, entertaining, and weekend family vacations along the coast – all in a sophisticated setting that is true to her modern French-Italian design. The MC range is made up of a 4, 5 and 6 model with a flybridge version of each signalled by not having an ‘S’ in the model name.

The MC6 is exquisite and offers you more than a luxury mansion overlooking the cliffs on Camps Bay – and if you can afford it, then do yourself proud! If you love the look of this Bénéteau range but want to get one as cost-effectively as you can, then the MC4 is the right choice for you as she offers the same level of lavishness as the bigger models, at a better price and a more compact package. However, I feel that the MC5 is the way to go if you’re looking for maximum living comfort, opulence, and unrivalled quality.

Layout

Bénéteau’s Monte Carlo range offers a distinctive look resembling similar

super yacht profiles from recent years. The large, round side windows and striking battleship-like bow shapes are retro enough to have done the full circle and become modern again. It’s the finer details which set the 5S apart from other boats. The coach roof lines are horizontal, with soft bends in the lines and without any bulbous affectations, showing this is a sleek and sexy sports cruiser. The flying bridge (upstairs aft) hosts a social area where entertaining can take place at the dockside, at anchor or during slow-moving sunset cruises – but mostly, this is where you will find the sun seekers.

When boarding, guests step onto a teak-decked swim platform. Like all high-end motor yachts, the height of this platform can be hydraulically adjusted via controls and lowered to water level to serve as a teak beach when swimming. Or, lower it below the water line to launch a tender or PWC if you really want to do more than dock-to-dock cruising and day boating.

Moving up the starboard-side-only

stairs from the swim platform to the aft deck, which is mostly covered by the flying bridge overhang, you really start to take in the grandeur. Here, a small feature I particularly liked was the sun shade which can be electronically extended, if needed.

The aft deck is on the same level as the main salon and with the glass, three-panel closure open wide, the aft deck, main salon, galley and helm become one large living area.

The MC5S’s galley puts food preparation adjacent to the cockpit and salon, so the chef is part of the social activity since the area will be used primarily for entertaining and day-boating. While most owners may well simply heat up hors d’oeuvres and the like, you could easily prepare a gourmet meal.

When the evening air starts setting in, look forward to moving the party indoors. The saloon features luxurious fittings, comfy sofas, a solid, but functionally foldable wood table, plenty of storage, a flatscreen TV and entertainment system and much more. I’ve mentioned that Bénéteau is all about



the attention to detail, what with the soft tones, leather drawer handles, and fingerprint-resistant surfaces.

Passing the helm you access the stairs which lead you below the deck to the rooms and head units. If you're going to be spending a night on board, you're in for a real treat. The additional cabins and day head unit are well designed and kitted, but the master suit is fit for a king. Ambient lighting from the large windows on the side of the craft, hanging cupboard space, light wood and your own en-suite make this a feature all of its own. However, the one and only downside of the MC5 is the headroom in the master cabin. While it is wanting just a little, it's a triviality really as it still gives you the necessary added headroom upstairs in the saloon. So, considering how much time you spend downstairs, I think it's a decent trade off.

Performance

I haven't seen the underneath of the MC5S's hull for myself, so I can't comment as to performing for her

design; but what I can say is that in the ride is a fine compromise amidst comfort, efficiency and speed. Bénéteau's hull combines a fine entry into the water with a long waterline for efficient operation at various speeds while making a contemporary visual statement. She's exceedingly comfortable, cleanly cutting through the waves in the bay at Palma Mallorca and I think she'd do exceptionally well in our waters. With no pounding or harsh effects, I threw in some sharp turns and found she leans neatly inward, remaining comfortable throughout.

The MC5 is designed around state-of-the-art Volvo Penta IPS drives to provide efficient propulsion and outstanding control at sea. A joystick makes close-quarters maneuvers easier – even more so with the optional bow thruster.

With a dry weight of 15 150 kg, the Monte Carlo 5S's handling was light, responsive and rock solid; although we had a flat, calm test day, it could easily be seen that she shares her larger sister's DNA for handling grotty conditions quite well – and I'm confident the rough

waters around South Africa wouldn't prove too much of a hindrance.


Top speed showed 29.5 knots using 167 litres of fuel per hour, but if you pull back on the throttle some, you can settle into the cruise at 21.5 knots at 3 000 rpm using a more comfortable 100 litres per hour.

The MC5S is superbly comfortable, safe and big enough to be commanding – so don't worry about the Martini glasses being knocked over.

Our conclusion

The MC5S's main attraction is her exterior styling and her modern, light-coloured interior décor. For those drawn to this sophisticated approach and international design, this boat is one of a kind in the marina.

She is appropriate for a small family and certainly can be comfortable for entertaining. The icing on the cake is the boat's IPS drives with joystick that make docking easy, even for beginners.

For more information contact the exclusive Bénéteau importers, Ocean Sailing on (021) 425 7837. 



Words and pictures by **Dean Castle**

INSIGNIA 17

These days you don't often get a boat that is a true multitasker, ie: coupled with additional charming design characteristics. For some inexplicable reason it seems to be one or the other – perhaps some sort of trade off, if you like. That is, until now! The Insignia has all the hallmarks of a real performer in a single package – but let's see if the Editor gives this craft his stamp of approval.



If you think this craft looks a little familiar, you may just be correct. Purchased from a Yamaha dealer, you'd be looking at the X-Fire (or Crossfire if you prefer), however, the Insignia is exclusively Honda powered. We've covered this craft quite some time ago when it was straight out of the Austral Marine factory and brand new on the market, but since it proved to be such a hit back then with our Durban journalist, I had to give it a go myself, albeit with a different power option.

That previous story is readily available in our website archives, so I'm not going to simply rehash what we've already said. Instead, let me try and highlight what makes this craft so worthy of being featured again.

When it comes to purchasing a boat, there are certain things you have to consider. Firstly, do you have that all-important engine choice? Then there's the price, service agents in your area, and no doubt the reliability issue that 'Oom Piet' told you about at the clubhouse that may well may steer your decision for or against. Meanwhile; the Insignia is a high entry to mid-level watersports craft, and if the time comes to trade up, would a sale in a couple years warrant the money you've paid now?

Alas, these are all questions that I don't really have firm answers to.

To be honest, they're not necessarily unique to the Insignia, but do let me tell you what is: we finally have a locally built boat where the answers probably don't even matter anyway. Built by one of the leading boatyards in this country, she's

going to be around long enough for you to keep it in the family. She's light on her trailer too – meaning that you can afford to go for the big motor you've always wanted and still have some change in your pocket!

Deck layout

The Insignia is a cute 17-foot craft with an intelligently designed interior, created to maximise on the craft's appeal. You'll notice there's no windscreen to separate the bow and stern seating areas, and this keeps the interior rather sociable. There is, however, an ample size storage locker on the port-side which is flush with the gunnel height. The top of this locker houses four drinks holders but is otherwise flat, giving you space to place snack platters and the like.

An optional extra here is a basin for fresh water – and I'd imagine a removable lid to retain the serving area too.

The Insignia is also blessed with a premium canopy, ski locker in the deck, boundless storage space under the seats, and an anchor locker up front. Ticking all the right boxes the last must-have means a swim platform at the transom either side of the motor, making access easier, while giving mum a place to sit and dangle her legs in the water while the kids lay on the tubes.

Performance

Our particular review Insignia was fitted with Honda's quality 135 HP 4-Stroke outboard. Below the deck, the manufacturer claims 1 080 litres of high density foam, meaning the Insignia is capable of being registered for category E. She weighs just

640 kg without the motor and is rated for between 90 and 150 horsepower. Personally, I think the latter will be too much as the 135 Honda was plenty.

I cranked up the throttle and got it going to 70 km/h on the GPS. There was a rather strong wind picking up and catching the front of the bow, and with just myself and one crew member aboard, we began chine walking – but as dangerous as it can be, I still felt completely in control. The oncoming wind also gave the hull a cushion effect as the water of the Knysna Lagoon had become extremely choppy – but didn't trouble the Insignia in the slightest.

Conclusion

This Insignia proves she's an Austral design, checking all the boxes of being a great boat. No matter whether you're trying to get into the market cost-effectively, or know exactly what you want from your time on the water, the Odyssey Insignia is well-worth the look.

For more information, contact Honda Marine Knysna on (044) 382 4090. **LB**



MASTERCRAFT AFRICA CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2015

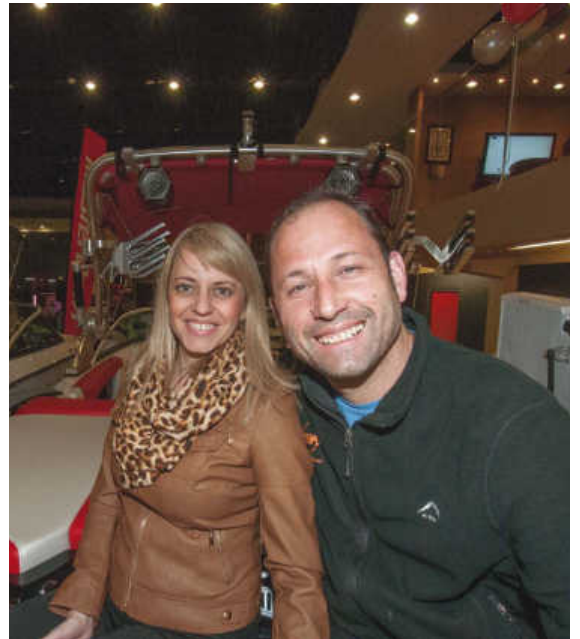
It's Christmas in July!

The MasterCraft Africa team hosted a spectacular event at their impressive office, located in Montague Gardens, Cape Town, and put the spirit of giving in a great mid-year festivity. There were plenty of guests at the event looking to take advantage of all that there was on offer. Those in attendance were able to preview the official South African release of the MasterCraft NXT and select a balloon from the bow with a mystery special inside – such as up to 100% off on MasterCraft Africa's in store products.

The Editor attended the party, and although he's too big to sit on Santa's lap, he knows exactly what to ask for come the end of the year!

Here are a few people we had the pleasure of celebrating with... **LB**







by **Honda Marine Knysna**



SWARTVLEI

Swartvlei is considered by many to be the Garden Route's boating mecca. There are many hidden gems on the Garden Route – which the locals will probably want to keep secret for as long as they can – and Swartvlei is certainly one of them.

Swartvlei is the largest and deepest lake in the Wilderness National Park.

Surrounding the huge expanse of water is the breath-taking Outeniqua Mountains, a blue ribbon beach, and two excellent self-catering resorts; this superb boating venue has it all...

Connected to the sea for six months of the year until the mouth silts the lagoon and lake closed for the remainder, Swartvlei offers an abundance of boating options. The two main resorts,

namely the Pine Lake Marina and Baywater Village offer both launch and shop facilities, making it the perfect spot for a day trip if you live nearby. Alternatively, both offer excellent self-catering options if you want to make a holiday out of it.

The waters of the lake are generally smooth and glassy, making it a phenomenal waterskiing venue; what's

more, the water level remains around the two-metre mark, keeping it warm and user-friendly. Sometimes the wind can be a factor, but due to the enormity of the lake you'll always find a sheltered spot if quality ski-time is your primary objective.

Fishing here is also excellent with the lake holding some of the region's biggest Garrick, Kob and Grunter concealed in its waters, and, being a lake, it's well protected from the elements making the whole fishing experience a most pleasant one.



Swartvlei is also one of the few local Garden Route destinations that allows the use of Jetskis (or Personal Water Craft) on specified areas of the lake, but being so big, there is ample space for every water-based activity to be indulged in.

It really has it all and whether you live locally or are visiting the area, we strongly recommend that you put it on your 'To Do' list.

Accommodation Options: Pine Lake Marina

Pine Lake Marina is situated five kilometres outside of Sedgfield in the heart of the Garden Route National Reserve and on the banks of the Swartvlei Lake. It is one of the most beautiful places to stay, with magnificent views of the lake and the surrounding mountains. The resort offers self-catering accommodation with a whole host of on-site activities, which makes it the perfect place for family holidays. What's more, its location makes exploring the Garden Route a lot easier! Visit www.pinelakemarina.co.za for more information.




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MAKING WAVES

TOP TRICKS TAKE TOP HONOURS AT THE WAKESA NATIONAL BOAT CHAMPS

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We were once again back in the water at the Port Elizabeth Powerboat Club where the WakeSA National Boat Champs were held recently. Port Elizabeth never disappoints as a venue and a hosting site for the wakeboarders. Year in and year out it proves to be the perfect venue that attracts some scintillating wakeboard action. Spectators are treated to spectacular views and the riders enjoy smooth water with hardly any wash-back.

The weather completely played its part and with Iron Man happening over the same weekend in PE, a spectacular wakeboarding event was in the making. With entries running through on the Friday, it was set to be an event filled with fierce competition. With a MasterCraft roaring on the water and a Solid Air System running on the side, with a great pool gap and rails going into the dam, it was a weekend filled with entertainment for all!

The committee decided to open categories for younger children to allow them the experience of entering a competition. This is one way of introducing children to the sport without the intimidation factor of the competitive side of wakeboarding. There were children as young as six having fun on the glassy waters, as their parents looked on proudly from the sidelines. We need to nurture our young competitors as they are the future of this wonderful sport. Having proud parents on the sidelines is the catalyst for future turnouts. With this support

from the parents and the committee, wakeboarding will be assured a promising future.

Saturday morning kicked off with the riders eye-balling their competition to see what new tricks are out there and what they are up against. All the riders are known to one another, yet this does not mean any of them can let their guard down. You never know what new trick your competitor has up his sleeve, especially if you haven't seen them compete or ride for a while. The level of riding displayed on the water on Saturday was more conservative than usual, as everyone seemed to be playing it safe by keeping back their special tricks as backup for the finals.

The Saturday event ran smoothly with everyone clearing it through their runs and making it to the finals. The riders spent a great afternoon on the Solid Air System that spilled over into a night session before a chill in the air halted proceedings. It was time for the riders to rest and prepare for the finals.

Sunday dawned and the day was set to be a scorcher. The young girls and boys enjoyed their chance to carve the wake, touch the water, do wake-to-wake heel-side and toe-side jumps. Some of the more proficient youngsters even managed to get in a few jump and grab combinations. In the boy's section, Tristan Cox showed great style on his wakeboard and managed to claim first spot, whereas James Palmer-Owen showed why he deserved the number one spot in wakeskating. James and Tristan have certainly been improving at a rapid rate. ►

Shaun Faccio



FINAL RESULTS SA CHAMPS

WAKESKATE OPEN

1ST JACQUES
LABUSCHAGNE
2ND SEAN BACON
3RD AUSTIN STUART

LADIES

1ST DEIDRE VAN NIEKERK
2ND BIANCA ZOONEKYND
3RD TAYLA COX

MASTERS

[30 YEARS AND OLDER]
1ST WARWICK CLAASSEN
2ND BRYDON WEBSTER
3RD MARC DE VILLIERS

JUNIOR MEN

[18 YEARS AND UNDER]
1ST JACQUES
LABUSCHAGNE
2ND LOUIS SCHUTTE
3RD KEENEN PILLEY

OPEN MEN

[NO AGE RESTRICTION]
1ST SHAUN FACCIO
2ND ANDREW BOURNE
3RD WIAN MARAIS

NON REGISTERED DIVISIONS TOUR STOP 2 FINAL RESULTS

NIPPERS

[7 YEARS AND UNDER]
1ST CHLOE DE VILLIERS
2ND SADE DE VILLIERS
3RD TAYLA CLAASSEN

YOUNGSTERS

[BOYS AND GIRLS]
1ST TRISTAN COX
2ND MICAELA WISEMAN
3RD JAMES PALMER-OWEN

WAKESKATE NOVICE

1ST JAMES PALMER-OWEN
2ND TRISTAN COX
3RD LOURN VAN STADEN

NOVICE

1ST DANE GEECH
2ND SEAN BACON
3RD LUKE BEAUFORT

Deidre van Niekerk



OPEN WAKESKATE DIVISION

The Open Wakeskate division showcased top riders such as Jacques Labuschagne, Sean Bacon and Austin Stuart who were chomping at the bit and ready for action. These talented riders are going to be around for many years of thrilling competitions. Jacques Labuschagne walked away with top spot, followed by Sean Bacon in second place and Austin Stuart in third. What a competition it was with tricks ranging from heel-side and toe-side set wake-to-wake jumps, wake-to-wake 180s, wake-to-wake backside 180s, front shuvs, back shuvs, big spins and many more breathtaking tricks from the country's most talented wakeskaters.

JUNIOR MEN'S DIVISION

The Junior Men division saw favourite Louis Schutte performing some impressive tricks out on the water, but he had to settle for second place as Jacques Labuschagne saved his best trick for last, impressing the judges enough to secure first place. The radical skills that Jacques displayed on the rail made him untouchable on the day. This left Keenan Pilley in third place, who seemed to battle with a trick he had mastered on many other occasions.

OPEN MEN DIVISION

The Open Men division saw Shaun Faccio back on the water. The tour doesn't see much of him, but when they do, it's usually at Nationals defending his title. It is safe to say that there are only a handful of riders in the country that can ride like Shaun and they are world-class riders in their own right. Shaun cleaned up on the water with straight airs, mobes and spins, among numerous other impressive tricks. If you wanted to see a trick on the water, you needed to look no further than Shaun, as he had them all in his arsenal. Travis Pienaar was a little unfortunate in his run as he came down really hard on the water and wasn't lucky enough to claim a podium finish. He was fortunate enough to recover totally, without any injury and was soon back on the water. This put a little pressure on the ones that still had to go out as nobody likes to go out on the water after witnessing a hard fall or an injury. With nerves a little frayed, Wian Marais came back strongly, keeping a calm head, and made a steady, clean run that pushed him into third place. Andrew Bourne achieved second place with a solid performance on the day.

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LADIES DIVISION

The Ladies division began with Tayla Cox out on the water. Tayla showed that having fun on the water is still the best possible way to approach a competition run. With Tayla's form having improved dramatically since the previous competition, her spectacular style showed a lot more courage out on the water. Local rider, Bianca Zoonekynd, made her home ground proud by securing a second place after landing a massive Tantrum. It was not quite enough to displace Deidre van Niekerk from the number one spot whose run with inverters was safe enough, even after injuring her knee. It was another impressive day for the Ladies division.

MASTERS DIVISION

The Master's division was last on the day's lineup and this division is always great to watch, as they seem to push their riding just as hard as the youngsters do. Warwick Claassen, aka Robot Chicken, refuses to let anyone close to his number one podium spot. He is solid on the water with rolls going in all directions and a selection of exceptionally big, clean spins. At the moment, Warwick Claassen is untouchable in the Master's division. Brydon Webster gave it his best shot, securing second place and Marc de Villiers came in a strong third.

The Port Elizabeth competition organisers went to great lengths to make everyone feel at home and at ease during another highly enjoyable weekend of wakeboarding. Besides all the behind-the-scenes organising, this event would not have been possible without the support of all the fantastic sponsors including MasterCraft, Monster Energy Drink, Port Elizabeth Powerboat Club and O'Brien. Let's not forget the committee, organisers, judges, boat drivers, riders and parents, *Leisure Boating magazine*, and all who contributed to this wonderful event. We hope to see you all back on the water next season – and don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page (WakeSA) for updates.

See you at the next competition! **LB**



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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE

and look good

Words and pictures **Travis Fisher**



The worst of winter is finally over and as the more moderate spring weather warms things up, we pull out the skis, dust them off and hit the water. From here on out, things can only get better. If you were fortunate enough to ski internationally or in warmer climates, I trust you learnt a lot and, more importantly, enjoyed yourself. Remember, having fun and enjoying water skiing is critical to you and your skiing success.

In this issue, I have put together a selection of tips on where I look while

I am slalom skiing. Many top coaches and skiers talk about where they look, or should be looking, during a slalom run. However, as a slalom skier, I have never really focused on looking in the right direction until recently, when a friend asked me where I look during my runs. To be completely honest, I have never thought about this aspect of my skiing much, as it seems to have formed part of my natural progression within the sport. That being said, there are many merits to keeping your eye on the prize, so to speak.

THE PULLOUT

As a two-handed gate slalom skier, I usually pull out just before the boat goes through the pre-gates. As illustrated in picture 1, you can see the boat is just approaching the pre-gate when I will pull out. I am a skier who tends to pull very early, but a good guide for a two-handed gate is to pull out as the boat goes through the pre-gate. As I pull out, I tend to look down-course (down the buoy line) and this allows me to stay wide and in an upright body position without dropping my shoulders. It also allows me to check to see if I am wider than the skier buoys.



Picture 1



Picture 2

THE TURN AT THE BUOY

As I come across the wake, I visualise that there is a buoy slightly wider and slightly before the actual buoy that I am aiming for. By doing this, as illustrated in picture 2, it forces me to react more quickly and it essentially allows me to finish my turn at the buoy. This approach allows me to be wide enough and minimises the incidence of me pulling long, as I will more keenly anticipate the buoy. As I am getting closer to the buoy (nearly at the buoy), I already start looking towards the boat. By looking at the boat as I finish my turn, it allows me to keep my upper body still while my lower body and hips are pivoting. This ensures that I turn with my hips and not with my shoulders. By turning with my shoulders, also known as "closing shoulders in the turn", I become impatient and the ski itself will not finish the turn. This often leads to the tip of the ski rising, blowing the fin out or falling out the front at the turn, which is illustrated in picture 3. As I finish the turn, I start looking more cross-course to my next imaginary buoy and repeat the process all over again.



Picture 3

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I hope my skiing tips have helped you to improve your skiing; but remember that slalom is subjective. Like many other sports, there is more than one style that works - and what works for you, may not necessarily work for me and vice versa. If you do have any questions, please email them to me at travis@skireflex.co.za

By Honda Marine Knysna



— ▣ Tip of the Month ▣ —

PREPARING YOUR OUTBOARD FOR WINTER



Winter may have past but the crisp, cold days aren't over yet! This easy-to-follow guide will show you what to do to look after each one of those sweet stallions during the cold months.

Your outboard engine, specifically your Honda 4-stroke, will form a major investment component on any boat package that you purchase, therefore, if you're not going to be using her over the winter, it's essential that you take a few easy-to-follow steps to ensure that your outboard will always operate at its optimum level.

Exterior Clean

The first thing to do is to thoroughly clean and wash down the exterior of your engine with an appropriate cleaning solvent mixed with water, in order to remove saltwater and any grime deposits which may have settled on the cowlings and cover during your usage.

Full Engine Flush

It's then crucial that you give your outboard a full flush through proper muffs covering either side of the gear casing flush points. The specific Honda



hose flush mount connection (ideal for flushing your Honda outboard when at a mooring on the water) should not be used in this particular instance, as this will flush the cylinder head only, whereas for longer term non-usage you must flush the whole engine. Once you've done this, remove the engine cover and spray the engine down with anti-moisture repellent oil spray.

Fuel Systems

Whether you run a portable tank or a built-in tank, it's very important that you run them as near to empty as possible. If you were to leave your tanks with any amount of fuel still sitting there, you firstly run the risk of condensation building up inside your tank leading to water getting into the fuel; and secondly, if unleaded fuel sits for too long, sediment can form in the bottom of your tank which, when you start up again, can get sucked into the filters and consequently block the fuel flow.

On the smaller Honda carburettor engines (2.3 HP to 30 HP), you should also disconnect the fuel line running from the fuel tank to the engine and run the fuel in the engine carburettor float dry. All the larger capacity Honda engines (40 HP to 225 HP) come with Programmed Electronic Fuel Injection (PGM-FI), so you don't need to disconnect the fuel line.

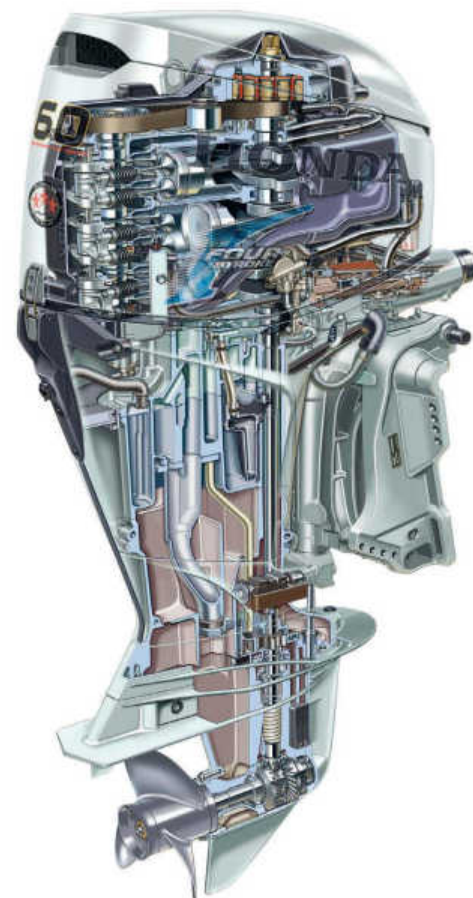
Electrical System

It's always advisable to disconnect your battery, otherwise, if left standing

unused for long periods of time, the battery will slowly start to discharge itself, as the alternator can only keep the battery fully charged if the engine itself is running.

Restarting

All Honda outboards have a normal fuel filter, whilst from Honda 40 HP and up to 225 HP, all the outboards are equipped with an additional 'water trap'



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fuel filter which will automatically catch any water in your fuel system and set off an alarm, allowing you to check and empty the trap.

So when it comes to restarting, once you've reconnected your battery, filled up with fresh unleaded petrol and primed your fuel system, keep an eye on this water trap filter just to make sure that there's been no condensation build-up during the winter lay-off period.

As important as it is to look after your outboard during these non-usage times, you must also take similar steps to maintain your hull and trailer.

Hull

- Thoroughly wash down the hull removing any saltwater, grime or algae, preferably with a high pressure hose cleaner.
- Wash down the decks, seating, upholstery and stainless steel rails.
- Remove accessories such as your radio/GPS fishfinder units etc... and store in a safe place.
- Lubricate/spray all electrical connection points with anti-moisture repellent oil spray.
- Ensure that your boat is properly covered during the winter storage period to protect it from dust and dirt settling.
- Ensure that your boat is safely stored under cover to protect it from the elements, particularly harmful UV rays.

Trailer

- If you're launching in saltwater, thoroughly wash down your trailer after each and every use. If launching in freshwater just wash your trailer down before storage to remove dust, dirt and any grime.
- Check that your wheel bearings are sufficiently greased.
- Ensure that your tyre pressure is correct before storage. Should there be insufficient air or should they go flat, irreparable damage may be caused to your tyres.

For any queries on any of the above, as well as for best cleaning solvent advice, please consult Honda Marine Knysna on (044) 382 4090 or email info@hondamarineknysna.co.za, who will be more than happy to assist you. Wishing you safe and happy boating wherever you may find yourself on the water! **LB**



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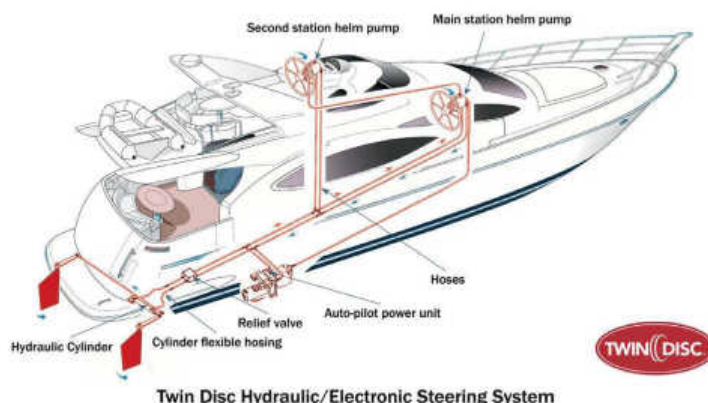
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The fish in the photograph is a 34 kg Maori Wrasse and it is the biggest fish of this species that I have ever caught. I have caught larger fish such as a 96 kg yellowfin tuna off Hout Bay as I am in the professional sportfishing game. Don't be fooled by the docile look of the Maui Wrasse, this fish can certainly put up a very good fight and it was one of the toughest fighting fish I have ever caught in this size category.

The lures I used were made up of a 125 Cubera popper, two Bkk's and a Jobu on the tail. While working the popper over the reef edge, we saw two Wrasse coming up to have a look. The smaller one had a swipe and missed ... then the carnage began. It was like an exploding hang grenade on the surface. Boom! Once these fish hit, they try and head straight for the reef and into their holes to try and rub you off.

We got the skipper to back away from the reef to get the

fish into deeper water, and then the waiting game followed. But, I couldn't take too long to land the fish as there are sharks and dogtooth tuna waiting to take a bite. The fight lasted about 25 minutes, with 18 kg drag on my Stella, one hundred pound jerry brown braid line and a 200 pound leader. Needless to say, when we got the Wrasse to the boat, it was all about high fives and cheers, a couple of quick photos and a good release. What a wonderful sight to see this awesome fish swim off into the blue depths. We were fishing from a 23 ft Contender with a tower and a 300 HP Suzuki on the back.

What a great fishing trip it was and the cherry on the cake is winning the Leisure Boating prize by simply sending in my photographs. Can you see how chuffed I am in the photograph of me holding the Wrasse?



Ross Gracin - Giant Trevally



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TALKING TUNA

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Hooking up with the 2015 Tuna Nationals

The recent 2015 Tuna Nationals were held at the Atlantic Boat Club in Hout Bay (Cape Town) and what a competition it was, with anglers vying for top spots at every turn. Registration took place and the scene was set for an epic battle for top boat, top skipper, top angler, and of course, top province. Waiting anxiously for the briefing, competition rules and the opening ceremony, there were many familiar faces as well as a variety of new faces amongst the field of enthusiastic entrants.

The competition began with an 05h00 breakfast in the clubhouse before competitors got ready for the first day of fishing. It was set to be a hard week and by 05h50, all 12 boats were chomping at the bit before the mass start. As the start sounded just 10 minutes later, it was throttles forward as all entrants charged off in a group. There is something exhilarating and magnificent, yet unexplainable about being part of a mass start.

Piranha Group's boat, Fish Tales, skippered by myself, had the Griquas team onboard and the day was sure to be an eventful one. Each province had three anglers in a team who were only allowed to fish with 10 kg class line. Not everyone is used to this type of restriction, which meant for the next few days skippers and anglers needed to work together with plenty of patience and skill to earn maximum points and land the monsters that were lurking below in the deep blue sea.

The time limit restrictions for catching fish during the competition were from the 06h00 launch to 15h00, when lines needed to come up. A one hour extension was offered to those who were fighting fish hooked before the 15h00 cutoff. On average, it took us two hours to get to the fishing grounds and only then can the search for the fish begin. This puts a lot of pressure on the skippers to find the fish!





DAY 1

On the first day with Griquas on the boat, we searched for hours and nothing was landed or even hooked for that matter. Eventually, I followed my gut feeling and told the crew we were moving to an area that had offered excellent fishing in the past month and that fishing there would get us on the points board. It wasn't long before we found fish (to our great relief) and soon we had landed five. It was a vast improvement as we had nothing to report at the 11h00 check in – a call no competition angler wants to make, especially not at the Nationals competition!

DAY 2

Day two dawned and this time I had the Gauteng team on the boat with rods at the ready. These guys were unfortunate having scored no points after dropping a massive fish in the dying moments the previous day. The pressure was back on the skippers who tried their best to put the anglers on the

mark. Just after clearing the current line, I came across a 'sternie' and started working the area with a couple of other competition crafts doing the same. Nothing wanted to take and it seemed we were in for another day of hide and seek. I told my crew to pull their lines up and we started running out to my numbers from the previous day. After about three nautical miles (still two nautical miles from our desired destination), I spotted a single bird and decided to cut off the engines, telling the crew to chum and drop in their lines. I got an evil eye from the Gauteng captain who was probably thinking, "This skipper is nuts to stop here, in the middle of nowhere, and tell us to chum!". Within a couple of minutes all three anglers had fish on the line – and although one angler's line snapped just 10 minutes into the fight, he rigged up again and got back into the water for a fresh bite.

My Raymarine fish finder was indicating the presence of some big fish and it was my job to keep them within reach of the

TUNA NATIONALS '15

Provincial teams from across the country assembled in Hout Bay, Cape Town, for the inaugural Tuna Nationals competition. Anglers fought it out over four days of fishing to see who would top the leader board and claim bragging rights. There were plenty of familiar faces as well as many new comers - but it all comes down to who the best fisherman is on the day.



anglers. A second large tuna managed to break free, and again, once the line was back in the water there was a new bite. The 10 kg line class restriction was proving too little for the Cape Town tuna, and with the third snapped line, we were down to two fish. An hour and thirty minutes into the fight, disaster struck and the second last angler's line snapped, leaving us with only one fish still hanging on by a thread (almost literally) to score some points. The hooked tuna didn't want to come up and managed to spool 300 metres off the reel. This left me no choice but to start chasing the fish as we had less than an hour of overtime to land this monster. After a total of three hours and 49 minutes of fighting, we finally managed to land it! It was a very healthy 62 kg tuna and more importantly, it was points for all of us.

DAY 3

The following day I had the home team of Western Province on the boat, and facing unfavourable conditions, we headed out to the deep. Everything was running smoothly until we hit the centre of the current line and I started having engine problems in my port side motor. It seemed to be some

sort of fuel starvation and my dismay was echoed in the faces of the anglers as they looked on. I tried everything from cleaning the Racor filter, to sucking on petrol lines and blowing out filters, but I wasn't able to find the fault. Knowing that I had 11 other boats in the near vicinity, it gave me the assurance that my crew and I were in no real danger and I notified the other boats of my intention to push through with only one engine. By hook or by crook I was going to find my guys some fish!

We were 11 nautical miles away from our destination when we started working backlines. The boat battled along at a slow 6.6 knots in the rough waters and we were lucky to land a small yellowfin but it was debatable whether it would push the scale over the 20 kg minimum weight. Moments after our 11h00 check in, all four rods took the shape of question marks as they pointed sharply towards the water. A shoal of yellowtail made quick work of the hooks and the anglers had a case of 'viskoo's', or fish fever for the English anglers out there, and were catching yellowtail one after another. Eventually, the anglers had to stop as we still needed points for tuna and could not exceed quota. It's never easy to run

away from fish like that but winning the competition took sole premise.

I saw a mark on my AIS and the info showed me that a long liner was about six nautical miles North West of our location. We only had four hours left and we had to pull out all the stops. Half way there, Gregg from the boat Kiora, radioed me and offered assistance with spares. I rigged up my spare petrol tank straight onto the portside engine and again we had both engines in operation. What a great feeling having that massive boost to the confidence on board! I started working behind the long liner when I saw Eddie with the boat Caramba also pulling in, and on my second turn around the liner, I noticed one of his anglers had a fish. After keeping my distance and letting him pull his fish into a safe zone, I went in for my third turn around the bow of the ship. Within seconds, three of my anglers were fighting fish and a fourth line was running uncontrolled with us hoping it didn't spool. At that stage, we had two hours left of fishing on the clock.

It was a moment to savour when Lee Wiid landed the first Big Eye tuna weighing in at a whopping 48 kg and breaking the Western Province 10 kg line class record.





I immediately rushed him to the fourth rod which was still running wild. Minutes later, Delano had his Big Eye next to the boat, but before it could be brought aboard, the hook pulled and off it went - with the same thing happening again just 30 minutes later to angler Daniel. It wasn't a happy moment for any of us. Although we had one record in the bag, the points from the lost catches could have put us right up there on the leader board. But all was not lost yet. With about 20 minutes left before lines were called, Wiid landed the last Big Eye, weighing in at a staggering 50.10 kg, breaking the Western Province 10 kg line

THAT'S A WRAP

What a week of great fishing and strong competition it was! Although we all enjoyed the fierce competition, the brotherhood and camaraderie between skippers and anglers was something wonderful to witness. Many new friends and fishing buddies were made during this spectacular event held just off the coastline of the fairest Cape. Remember, a bad day's fishing is still a whole lot better than a good day's work. We'll talk tuna again after next year's competition!

Those anglers who want to qualify for the SADSAA Tuna Nationals to get their Provincial Caps - we'll see you at Rumbly Bay's WPDSAA Tuna Inter Provincial in October.

class again, and we claimed that one as the record caught on the Piranha Group's boat Fish Tales. As we headed home, with two engines, sore fingers from retying lines, and a boat load of fish including a new record, the Winston Churchill quote comes to mind, "When you're going through Hell; keep going" - we did, and came out famously for it.

During the entire competition, numerous fish were lost on all the competing boats and had these fish been landed, the log positions would have changed by the hour. After the third day of fishing, it was so close that one decent sized fish could have change the overall log standings between any of the competitors.

DAY 4

Day four dawned. We had a weather call that left the boats standing in the harbour and the angler's hoping for a miracle. The fog on the following day didn't help and everyone seemed a little on edge. Finally, we got the call and the launch time was set for 07h00. The boats wasted no time getting out into the deep, but unfortunately it wasn't a smooth ride at all, with swells nearing four metres and the current line making headway increasingly difficult.

Final lines up was called at 15h00 that afternoon with no extension. We made our way back and about 10 nautical miles from the harbour, we ran into thick fog with almost no visibility. We eventually chugged into Hout Bay harbour, making our last calls on the radio and getting the boats safely back onto their trailers. **LB**

FINAL MEDAL RESULTS FOR THE TUNA NATIONALS 2015 ANGLING TEAM PLACINGS:

Gold medal: SAADSA
Silver medal: Western Province
Bronze medal: Griquas

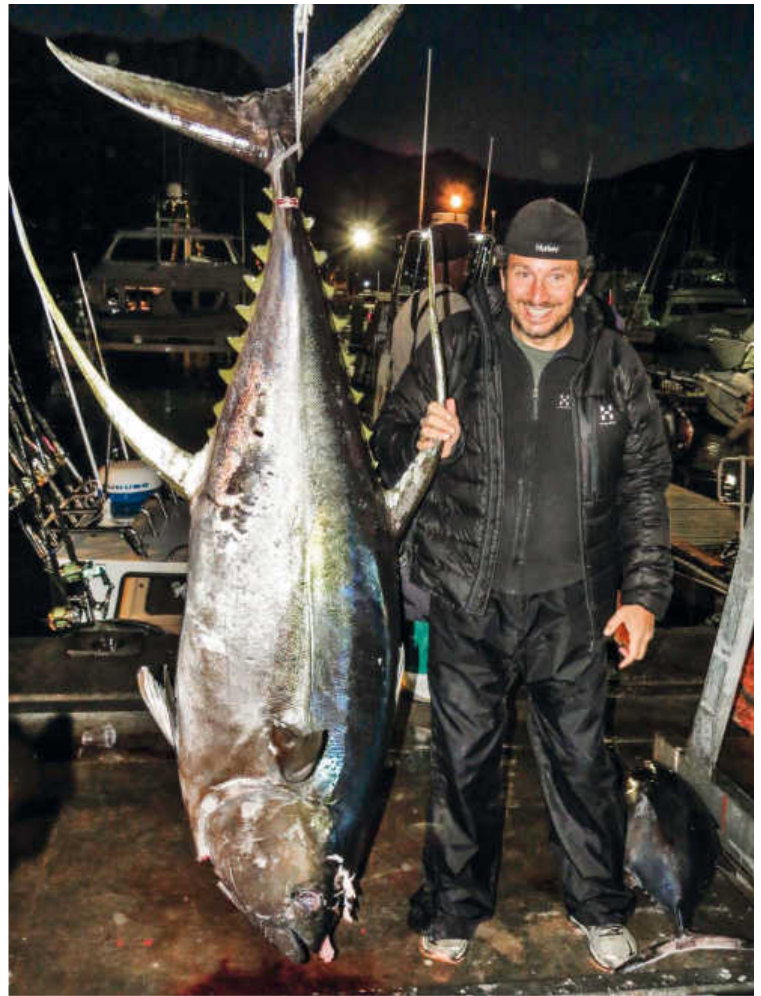
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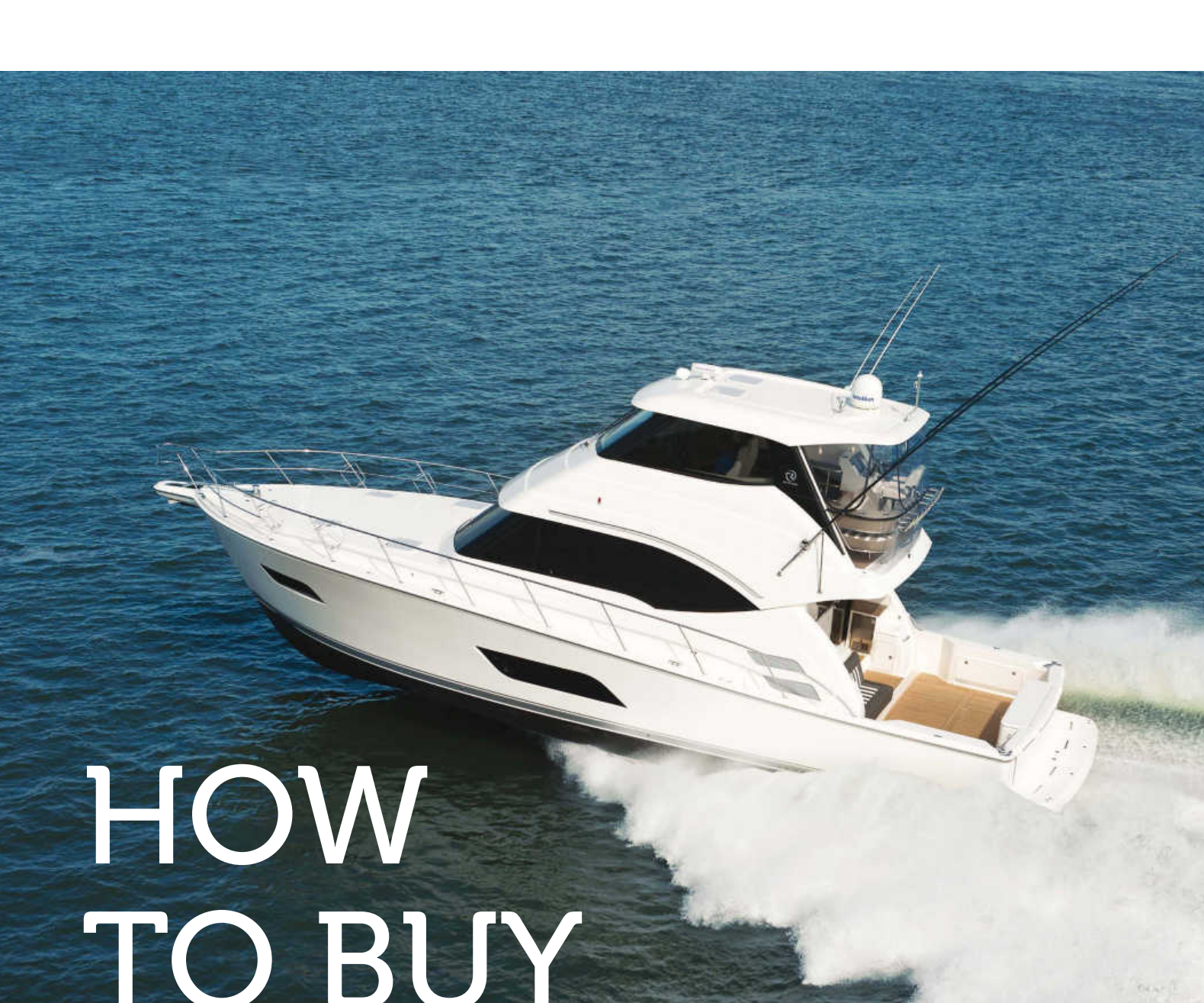
Gold medal: Justin Berry / Big Eye
Silver medal: Gregg Craig / Kiara
Bronze medal: Wickus Nel / Piranha Group Fish Tales

WESTERN PROVINCE BIG EYE RECORD (10KG LINE CLASS)

Angler: Lee Wiid - Big Eye Tuna - 50.10kg
Skipper: Wickus Nel
Boat: Piranha Group Fish Tales







HOW
TO BUY

A FISHING BOAT

SEVEN SIMPLE STEPS FOR MAKING A PROPER PURCHASE

Before you pull out your wallet and dive headlong into the wonderful world of fishing boats, we advise that you do your homework first. Like buying a car, your purchase decision should be assisted by reading reviews and comparing specifications of the various models in your price range. Experienced fishermen find it challenging to purchase new or even pre-owned fishing boats, so take heed from the experts and do extensive research before you start wheeling and dealing.



1. WHERE WILL YOU FISH?

Before you even start looking at fishing boats, you need to decide whether you want to fish inshore, offshore or combine the two. Boats differ greatly from the smaller, lightweight fishing boats used predominantly on dams and calmer water bodies, to ocean-going boats that are capable of handling the rigours of stormy seas. It is simply a

matter of choosing a boat that will suit your particular lifestyle. Once you, and of course your family, have discussed the merits of which type of fishing you all want to undertake, only then can you proceed to the next phase in the buying process.

2. WHAT'S THE ONBOARD TALLY?

Determining how many people will typically go out fishing in the boat will allow you to select a boat with the layout you desire. For the serious fisherman, allowing the crew easy movement around the boat is paramount for increasing catch sizes and keeping the busy crew out of each other's way. On the other hand, a fishing boat with a head compartment and luxurious forward seating is more suited to family outing fishing trips. So, how many people do you plan to take on those fishing trips?

3. ENOUGH SUITABLE STORAGE?

Okay, so you've identified how many people will typically be on board during your fishing trips. What you need to look out for, when viewing the fishing boats on your shopping list, is that the boat has ample storage to accommodate all the rods, tackle, gaffs, bad weather clothing and the myriad other bits and bobs that make up a

well-stocked boat. There is no point in buying a boat if it can't accommodate the necessary equipment used by you and the crew.

4. WILL YOU KEEP YOUR CATCH?

Ensure that the boat has ample fish boxes to ice down the catch. Make sure that the ice boxes are insulated or your ice will melt very quickly in hot weather. Also, try and determine what your largest catch has been in the past year and then check that the fishing boat you are considering buying can handle that capacity.

5. WHERE WILL YOU STORE THE BOAT?

The storage of your fishing boat will also play a large part in determining what size boat you purchase. Firstly, does your current car or SUV have the capacity to tow the boat you have your eye on? You need to establish this before buying said boat. Then ask yourself if the boat and trailer will fit into your driveway at home. If it doesn't fit, you might incur the extra expense of breaking down your perimeter wall to get the boat in! Ensure you know the exact measurements, specifications and weights of the boats on your wish list.



6. NEAR OR FAR?

If your fishing trips are usually long distance trips, then you need to establish if the boat has the capacity to run those distances. Another important factor to consider is whether the engines fitted to the boat you are considering are underpowered in relation to the weight of the boat. Always try and buy a boat that has motors that are within 20 percent of the boat's maximum horsepower rating. Even better, opt for as close to the 100 percent maximum mark as possible, particularly if your trips include many passengers. If these figures and ratings are beyond your technical know-how, ask your local marine engine suppliers for more information, they'll be happy to pass on their extensive knowledge.



7. WHAT'S YOUR BUDGET?

Decide beforehand what your purchase ceiling is and stick to it. It is very easy to be swayed by the beauty of the boat and to "extend" your budget a little bit here and a little bit there. If you are buying a pre-owned fishing boat, make sure it is pegged at a market related price ... and always, always, negotiate a discount. If you don't ask for discount, how will you ever know if it was available? Remember, the buyer is usually in charge of the transaction.

THE END OF THE LINE

Next time we'll delve more deeply into fish-finding sonars, chart-plotting equipment, VHF radios and all the other instrumentation that makes for good fishing. But right now, we hope our advice has been useful to you in your fishing boat quest. If you've taken the bait, use these helpful hints that are designed to give you the ammunition you need when making the perfect fishing boat selection for your lifestyle. If you're still unsure, get the input from someone in the trade. Buying the fishing boat of your dreams will offer you many sea hours of enjoyment and more often than not, you'll have fresh fish to slap on the braai fire. **LB**





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The Johannesburg Boat Show is set to be bigger and better than ever before.

Words **Stuart Reichardt**

Pictures **Johannesburg Boat Show**





Visit Boating International's stand and check out the impressive Malibus.

Head on down to the NASREC Expo Centre between the 14th and 16th of August, the Johannesburg Boat Show is back in town. It is set to be another great expo with marine suppliers and dealers from around the country showcasing their wares. With a full lineup of the hottest boating, fishing, diving, wakeboarding and skiing equipment to hit the markets, this expo is a must for all enthusiasts wanting to get the latest and greatest products from leading brands.

There are numerous fun activities for the whole family to partake in, such as the daily wakeboarding displays, fly-fishing demonstrations, bass fishing demonstrations and angling master classes. Try your hand on fishing simulators and see if you have what it takes to land the "big one" or attend the daily dive presentations, SAMSA maritime workshops or the wakeboarding displays on the lake.

If it's boats and watercraft that you're after, then browse the wonderful selection of magnificent boats and sparkling jetskis that are packed into the large halls at NASREC. There is literally something for everyone. And, when the tumies start to growl, head on over to one of the many food stalls and dine on a variety of delicious delights. You might even be able to sneak in a beer at the beer tent if the wife nods her approval.

Also on display is the premier Outdoor Lifestyle show which offers outdoor enthusiasts an up close and personal look at the latest campers, caravans and outdoor gear on the market.

The Johannesburg Boat Show is packed to the brim with competitions, games, activities for the kids and a variety of enticing events to keep the whole family enthralled. Tick lifestyle products, outdoor accessories, the latest in fishing rods, reels, tackle and accessories, navigation

equipment, underwater cameras and some of the best boats, trailers and motors in the business off your bucket list and you and your family will come away feeling completely satisfied after a highly eventful, fun-filled day.

Ticket prices range from R90 for adults to R50 for children aged 12 to 16 years. All children under the age of 12 get in free.

Remember to pop by and say hello at the *Leisure Boating* stand. We love meeting our readers and will be having a fun competition for all.

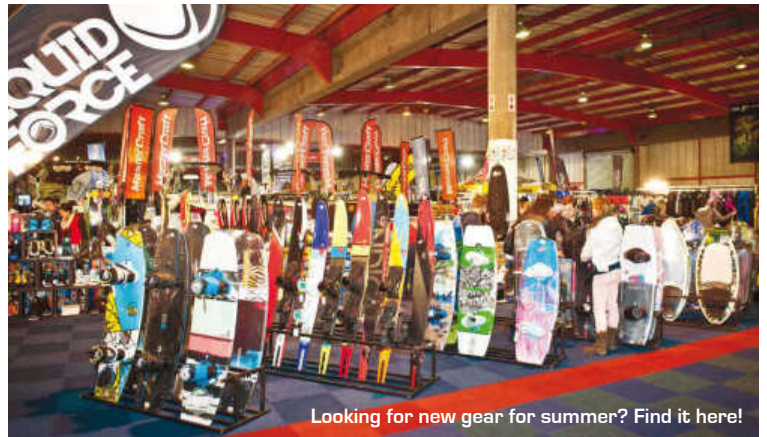
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BOATING WORLD

Life, Passion, Adventure

Words **Stuart Reichardt**



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As importers, exporters and brokers of luxury motor-yachts, fishing boats, speed boats and a variety of other watercraft, Boating World sets itself apart from its competitors by offering complete attention to detail and exceptional customer service, every time. With offices in Cape Town and Durban serving all of South Africa, Boating World offers a network of highly qualified staff to attend to every customer's needs.

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World is also the exclusive agent for the Airberth range of boat lift storage systems.

UNLIMITED CHOICE AT BOATING WORLD

New boats: If a new boat or yacht is on your shopping list, then look no further than the impressive range Boating World has on offer. Their range includes leading manufacturers such as Fountaine Pajot, Riviera, Jeanneau, Fairline, Sea Ray and Sunreef brands. Take your pick from some of the best boats on the market today.

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excursions and educational tours. And, don't be restricted in your thinking, as Boating World offers charter company information from as far afield as Mauritius, Seychelles, Tanzania, Mozambique and Kenya. You can even venture to the Caribbean if that's on your bucket list!

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MEET THE NEW BOATING WORLD APPOINTMENTS

WAYNE BARTHUS

Durban Sales Specialist

Wayne has been involved in boating since the age of 16 and being a stone's throw away from the local dam where his friend had a boat, meant that most of his free time was spent on the water. Wayne and his friends would spend weekends camping at the dam and they soon became keen skiers, wake boarders and fishermen. Wayne's natural transition to bigger boats after attaining his skipper's ticket and radio licence allowed him to cruise on a variety of beautiful boats. His knowledge of the sea, gained from the many fishing competitions that he has been in, make Wayne a truly

knowledgeable asset to the Boating World family. Wayne smiles when he says, "I undoubtedly have the best view from my office, overlooking the Durban Marina. It's an absolute pleasure to come to work in the mornings. What's more is that the Boating World team made me feel like a member of the family from day one and this makes it so much easier to work with such friendly and passionate people." For those in the market for a new or pre-owned boat or those of you who are simply at the fact-finding stage of your boat purchase, we suggest you get hold of Wayne and set up an appointment, or drop him an email with your questions. He will point you in the right direction and it'll be plain sailing from there on out.



When Wayne's not in the office, you can bet he's on the water living the lifestyle.



ALWYN COETZEE

Cape Town After-Sales Specialist

Alwyn Coetzee grew up in Mossel Bay and spent his younger years surfing, snorkelling, taking out oysters, and later on, sailing. He worked in London for a year after leaving school, but yearned for the more moderate local climate and headed back to South Africa. Alwyn did his first Atlantic crossing when he was 19 years old, a trip that took him from Cape Town to Tortola in the British Virgin Islands, followed shortly by another trip to Croatia. Alwyn then completed his SAS yacht master ticket, and ran a 58 ft and a 45 ft motor yacht between Cape Town and Mossel Bay. He also completed many coastal deliveries of powerboats and sailboats, which included a couple of beautiful Rivas. Alwyn worked in the sales department at Boating World where he gained immense experience on all the different brands, but after two years at Boating World, Alwyn succumbed to 'itchy feet' and set out with two friends to sail across the Atlantic.. again! His next appointment

was a three-month contract as captain of a five-star, 140 ft houseboat on the Chobe River in Botswana. Alwyn then went on to captain a 62 ft sailing catamaran in the Mediterranean and spent over three years on this boat travelling to over 20 countries, including the whole of the Mediterranean and many of the Caribbean Islands. Alwyn was lucky enough to meet some incredible guests along the way such as the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and famous chef Mario Batali during his travels. With over 70 000 nautical miles under his belt and his Atlantic crossings reaching into double figures, Alwyn is not only an asset to the Boating World family but he is also a hive of authoritative information for all those boat enthusiasts and prospective boat owners out there. His role as an after-sales support specialist is renowned in the industry.

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At Honda Marine Knysna this attention to detail is what makes them stand out in terms of providing customers with their optimum boating package. The most recent offering is a stunning 6.5 m Falcon RIB powered by twin all-new Honda BF100 outboards with teak flooring, an aluminium frame T-Top, Hydraulic Steering, an impressive windlass, and a host of NMEA 2000 compliant equipment ranging from the Honda digital instruments to the Lowrance Elite Hybrid Dual Imaging Fishfinder and Chartplotter and the Fusion Sound System. Final rigging and fitment touches are underway with this super vessel to take to the water shortly, undoubtedly with a very happy new owner at the helm. **LB**



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LET'S GO SEAPRO!

Mercury introduces its new SeaPro 4-Stroke engines for the commercial market

Words by **Gary Randall**

Pictures by **Gary Randall and Rob Naysmith**

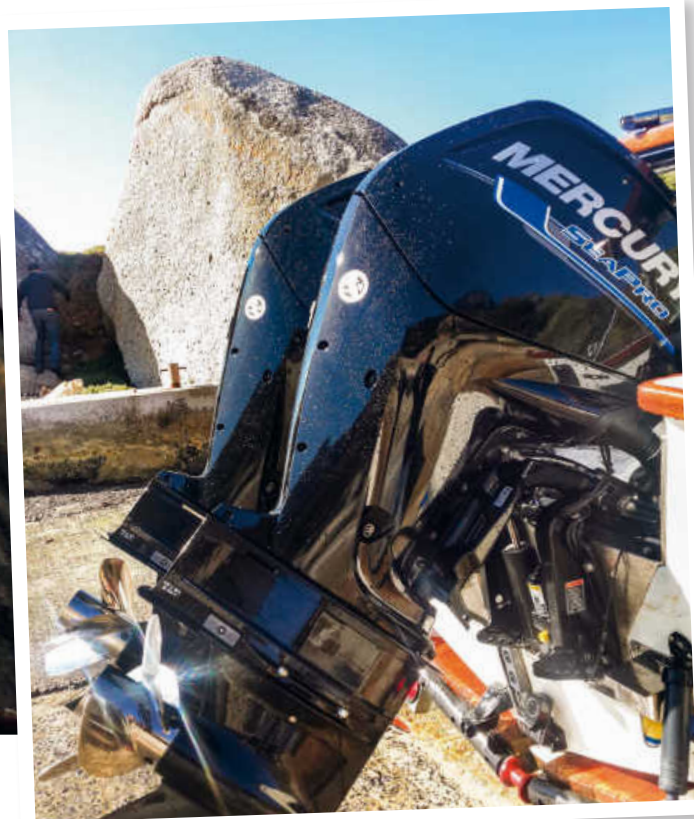


I was recently invited by Rutherford Marine to attend the launch of the new commercial application Mercury 4-Stroke SeaPro outboard motor range at Millers Point Ski Boat Club in Cape Town. I snapped up the offer and readied myself with a variety of questions, the main one being: "Why would any manufacturer offer 4-Stroke outboard motors to commercial operators and double the warranty period to a class-leading 2 000 hours or two years, whichever comes first?" The SeaPro 4-Stroke engines, which range from 75 HP to 150 HP, have undergone some ingenious changes to optimise them for commercial use. Let's take a closer look.





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GREAT NEW FEATURES

Heavy-duty, highly robust upper mounts and focused mounts situated at 45 degree angles, keep them away from the high temperatures being emitted by the exhaust, thus reducing wear and tear through expansion and contraction. This new configuration improves the longevity of the motor and makes vibration on these motors non-existent. Command thrust lower units are also heavy-duty and are standard on the 75 HP and 115 HP units, being combined with larger diameter propellers to ensure that these outboards are capable of lifting heavy boats onto the plane with ease and holding them there at lower speeds, without sacrificing top speed. Now that's innovation!

LIGHTWEIGHT TECHNOLOGY

The new lightweight technology utilised in the SeaPro range drastically reduces the weight of these 4-Stroke engines and also increases their lifespan by using a specially designed alloy that dramatically reduces corrosion. More innovative ideas from this leading manufacturer of outboard motors later.

WATER-SEPARATING TECHNOLOGY

The SeaPro 4-Stroke motors come standard with a water-separating fuel filter and this

substantially reduces the risk of water penetrating and contaminating the fuel. This also allows these outboard motors to be used in places where the quality of fuel supplied is below standard, without sacrificing performance or reliability.

COMMERCIAL SIMPLICITY

The feature that stood out the most for me in the SeaPro range is the simplicity of the engine under the cowling. This range is designed for ease of maintenance at sea or onshore and every maintenance location is colour-coded. This, combined with a pictorial owner's manual, under-cowling maintenance decals and a SC1000 Tach fault-finding system, makes the maintenance of these motors very easy, another reason why the SeaPro range is soon to become an outboard motor that leads the pack.

THE SC1000 TACH SYSTEM

The SC1000 Tach system is a remarkable feature of the SeaPro range and is able to identify a problem and indicate exactly where the problem lies within the engine. This allows for easy maintenance by following the owner's manual and the colour-coded maintenance parts. Even the crankcase oil change and lower unit oil change can be performed while at sea!





Mercury's SeaPro motors don't just look good, they perform great too! Designed to be the most maintenance friendly, it's no wonder commercial operators (and even leisure users too!) will find this outboard an attractive option.

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Specific models in the SeaPro range will be available with an easily-attachable bigger tiller arm featuring start, shift, throttle, power trim and troll speed functionality, which keeps you in control at all times.

At launch we tested a pair of 115 HP SeaPro counter-rotating outboards fitted to a 24 ft Billfish weighing 2.5 tons. The boat was skippered by Captain Rob Naysmith, yet even under the treacherous sea conditions, I was very impressed with the performance of the SeaPro engines.

POWER AND TORQUE

On launching the boat and starting the motors, I immediately noticed how quiet, smooth and vibration-free the 115 HP SeaPros idled. With Naysmith at the helm, we motored from the sheltered launch

of Millers Point into the open ocean and with a surprisingly smooth engagement of the throttles, Rob pushed us onto the plane in 2.5 seconds. The low down torque and hole shot power was remarkable considering the size and weight of the vessel and that the SeaPros were only a pair of 115HP outboards. Keeping the throttles flat out, Naysmith proceeded to steer his vessel in a series of tight turns without the SeaPro motors cavitating once and the boat kept running true and stable.

The performance of the tested SeaPro motors was exceptional and I am convinced that they will serve any user extremely well, offering years and years of sea-going reliability.

COMMERCIAL DURABILITY


Mercury Marine claims that the SeaPro engines are designed to provide three times the durability in commercial applications without sacrificing power,

and that the SeaPro 4-stroke range is the easiest to maintain with the lowest operating costs of any 4-Stroke outboard motor used in a commercial application. Now that's manufacturer confidence for you!

LOWER OPERATING COSTS

Taking this all into consideration, it makes perfect sense why the Mercury SeaPro 4-Stroke range would suit the demands of any commercial operator. They are easily maintained, reliable, pack loads of power and features and most of all, offer the lowest 4-Stroke engine commercial operating costs on the market. Lower operating costs equates to more money in your pocket!

My verdict – Go with the SeaPro flow!

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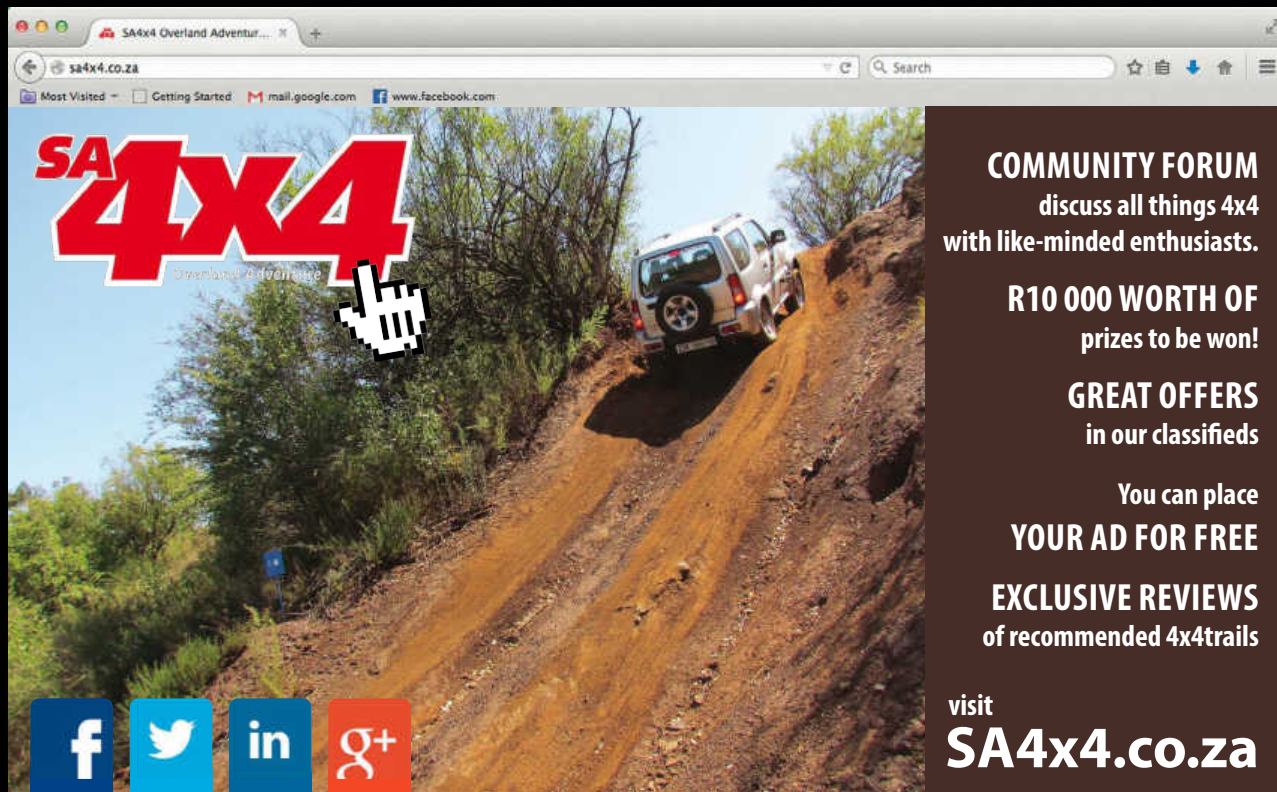
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